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SYNTHETIC PEPTIDE OF REGULATORY VIRUS

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VIRUS TYPE 1 (HIV-1) AND THE UTILIZATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

-- This application claims priority from German patent applications number 19908752.0 filed

19 February 1999 and number 19908766.0 filed 19 February 1999.--

At page 17, line 18, please insert the following paragraphs:

Example 16:

Generation of poly-clonal anti-Vpr-antibodies by immunization of rabbits with sVpr1-96:

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